

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 24-29 are cancelled. No claims are currently being amended. Claims 30-35 are being added. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-23 and 30-35 are now pending in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone call of December 2, 2005, wherein restriction was required between Group I (claims 1-23) and Group II (claims 24-29.) Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-23.

By the present communication, claims 24-29 are canceled without prejudice and in view of the Restriction Requirement referenced herein.

New claim 30, which depends from independent claim 1, defines Applicant's invention with greater particularity. Support for claim 30 is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0046].

New claim 31 depends from new claim 30 and defines the primer of Applicant's invention with greater particularity. New claim 32 depends from new claim 31 and further defines the primer of the invention. Support for claims 31-32 is found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0029], [0046] and [0065]. Further support for claims 31-32 is found in Super Cote Classic Primer Technical Data Sheet (dated 11/2003), Super Cote Textured Primer Technical Data Sheet (dated 11/2003), and Super Cote Classic Primer Water Based Material Safety Data Sheet (dated 08/02/2002), all of which are incorporated into the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

New claim 33 depends from new claim 30 and further defines the application of primer of the invention. Support for claim 33 is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0046].

New claim 34 depends from new claim 30 and further defines the primer of the invention. Support for claim 34 is found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0047] and [0065].

New claim 35 depends from new claim 34 and further defines the application of primer of the invention. Support for claim 35 is found in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0046].

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. Should any matter remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the address and/or telephone number listed below so that a rapid resolution can be achieved. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. In the event this is not correct, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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